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ADDITIONAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS TO SAFEGUARD UNFPA PERSONNEL AND PREMISES GLOBALLY

Elements for a decision

The Executive Board may wish to:

Endorse **the proposal of the Executive Director to grant her exceptional authority during 2004–2005 to access up to 4 per cent of the approved gross 2004–2005 regular biennial support budget of $169.6 million as additional funding for security measures amounting to a maximum of $6.8 million. This amount will be recorded as a reserve and utilization thereof will be disclosed in the financial statement and reported to the Executive Board in the annual financial review.**

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1. Following the devastating attack on the United Nations office in Baghdad, Iraq, in August 2003, it is an acknowledged fact that the security threat levels for United Nations operations worldwide have significantly increased. In response to this the Security Council in its resolution 1502 reaffirmed the vital importance of ensuring the safety and security of United Nations personnel. In light of increasing threats to all United Nations offices through acts of terrorism, additional protective measures are required over and above those foreseen and incorporated by UNFPA within resources available for 2004–2005 in the amount of $4.6 million[1]. The additional measures are necessary to ensure that the organization has the capacity to effectively respond to the demands of the rapidly changing global environment with minimal interruption to its operations.

2. Such measures include: (a) relocation of some UNFPA country offices to safer premises; (b) enforcing compliance with all aspects of the enhanced minimum operating security standards (MOSS), including improving communications and reinforcing and monitoring perimeter and access controls; (c) meeting the Fund's apportioned share of the higher cost of UNSECOORD occasioned by the increased numbers of field security officers (FSOs) and related support services; (d) meeting the increased premium for the malicious acts insurance policy (MAIP) and seeking additional insurance to offset the reduced coverage currently afforded; and (e) establishing a basic security structure which requires the recruitment of three field-based regional security advisers and one member of support staff at headquarters. In order to coordinate the organization's security response mechanism and effectively implement UNSECOORD directives and guidance at the country office level.

3. In view of the above, the Executive Director is exceptionally requesting that the Executive Board grant her authority to access up to 4 per cent of the approved gross 2004–2005 regular biennial support budget in additional funding, i.e., a maximum of $6.8 million as reflected in table 1 below.

4. Additional resources granted will be recorded as a reserve and utilization thereof will be disclosed in the financial statements and reported to the Executive Board in the annual financial review.

[1] $3.9 million from 2004–2005 appropriations, $0.7 million from past obligations.

Table 1. Details of security requirements, 2004–2005
(in thousands of US dollars)

Description	Approved Amount	Additional Requirement	Total
MOSS	2,742	4,397	7,139
Contribution to UNSECOORD and insurance	1,529	1,164	2,693
Staff costs	299	1,230	1,529
Total	**4,570**	**6,791**	**11,361**

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5. The Executive Board may wish to endorse the proposal of the Executive Director to grant her exceptional authority during 2004–2005 to access up to 4 per cent of the approved gross 2004–2005 regular biennial support budget of $169.6 million as additional funding for security measures amounting to a maximum of $6.8 million. This amount will be recorded as a reserve and utilization thereof will be disclosed in the financial statement and reported to the Executive Board in the annual financial review.